

February 22, 2010

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Askren was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Waters; Supt. Givens; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Tiffani Weatherford – Chamber of Commerce; Larry Williams; David and Judy Whitten; Jeff Pruitt – EDC of Southwestern Indiana; Jim Powers; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Comm. Maynard.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Supt, as Water Chairwoman Askren is not present.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Comm. Maynard arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Hoehn. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilwoman Askren was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Waters; Supt. Givens; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Tiffani Weatherford – Chamber of Commerce; Larry Williams; David and Judy Whitten; Jeff Pruitt – EDC of Southwestern Indiana; Jim Powers; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Comm. Maynard; and arriving during the meeting, Chief Beloat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloat arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

Chief Beloat stated they will have a Neighborhood Watch meeting on March 16 at 7:00 at the General Baptist Church, for the Lawrence Subdivision area.

Chairwoman Hoehn stated that is a great idea.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Curtis stated there have been 22 runs since their last meeting.
Chief Waters stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.
Supt. Givens stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.
Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated the first two items are follow ups from the Public Hearing, held by the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana, earlier for the silo demolition grant submission. She added the first item is a resolution authorizing the submittal of the grant application, a \$300,000 grant with matching funds of \$60,000. She added Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe has signed documentation assuring the City does have their \$60,000 match money.

Councilman Fuelling moved the Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of the Grant Application to the Indiana office of Community and Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Matters be approved. Seconded by Councilwoman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker state the motion carried unanimously.
Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 10-01.

Attorney Higgins stated the next Resolution declares the area the silos sit on as a Spot Slum/ Blight area. She added the legal description is attached to the Resolution, which she then highlighted as follows:

WHEREAS, the former J R Short Milling Company Grain Mill silo storage site (hereinafter referred to as “silos”) located on the riverfront in Mt. Vernon, Indiana as built in 1899 by the Hudnut Company Hominy Mills; then in 1949 as American Company Hominy Hill; then in 1929 as Mt. Vernon Milling, then in 1990 as Consolidated Grain and Barge, and was then given to the City of Mt. Vernon in 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the silos have remained inoperable and vacant for the past 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Vernon, thru extensive structural studies, has determined due to current conditions the silos are beyond repair;

Attorney Higgins then stated a copy of this Resolution will accompany the grant application. Councilman Fuelling moved the Resolution of Spot Slum/Blight Declaratory Resolution City of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, be approved. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker state the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 10-02.

Attorney Higgins stated, getting back to the order of the Agenda, the next item is the 2nd reading of the sidewalk construction ordinance. She added she has heard no comments on this after it passed first reading at their last meeting.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance Regulating Sidewalks Within the city of Mount Vernon, Indiana, pass second reading. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker state the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Fuelling moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Fuelling moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker state the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 10-03.

Attorney Higgins stated the sidewalk construction ordinance they discussed at the last meeting was for discussion purposes only. She added the Area Plan Commission would need to act on it before the Council has a reading. She then asked the Council's wishes.

Councilman Fuelling replied the ordinance should be sent to APC as written.

Council concurred unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next items are the Agreements in Lieu of Annexation they had discussed at the last meeting. She stated these agreements are only available to 3rd class cities and last year was the final year for the agreements with GAF and Countrymark. She reminded Council the agreements call for annual payments, due March 1, to be made to the City and deposited into the City's Rainy Day Fund. She stated as both industries have made some improvements, Council will notice their payments have gone up, per their increased assessed values. She state Countrymark would pay \$38,000 3/1/10; \$38,900 3/1/11; \$39,700 3/1/12; and \$40,500 3/1/13. She then stated the figures listed in the GAF Agreement are not accurate as she received a call earlier this morning stating they had made more improvements that are not reflected in these payment amounts. She added again, the listings of \$32,473 3/1/10; \$33,122 3/1/11; \$33,784 3/1/12; and \$34,460 3/1/13 are not correct but will be higher than listed. She then reminded

Council again that these funds are deposited into the Rainy Day Fund and then appropriated by Council and the Mayor. She added she believes these funds have been quite beneficial to the City in past years. Councilman Curtis moved the Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana, Ratifying Certain Agreement in Lieu of Annexation Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-3-21 be passed and Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign said agreements. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker state the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Curtis moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker state the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on 2nd and 3rd readings. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker state the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 10-04.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren was not present.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated the meeting that was held last Friday on Phase I of the Riverfront Project went very well and was very informative. She added when Spring comes they should start to see some action.

Mayor Tucker agreed with Councilwoman Higgins and added it is a very exciting time right now, which shows what can happen when good folks work together. He added he appreciates everyone's help on this project. He then stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

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Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasure